With respect to the rejection of claims 1-5, 7, 10-12, and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent 3,623,611, Applicants respectfully traverse. This rejection has been rendered moot by the amendment of claim 1 herewith to include the limitations of claim 6. Since the Examiner had indicated that claim 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, it is clear that amended claim 1 is allowable, since that is exactly what it is. And, since all of the claims previously rejected now depend from amended claim 1, they are similarly allowable. New claim 39 is also allowable, as it is essentially old claim 8 rewritten in independent form, which claim was also indicated to be allowable by the Examiner in the Office Action.

It is believed that the present case is now in condition for allowance, and such action by the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

1. An equilibrium dialysis apparatus comprising:

a body, comprising a top surface having a first plane and a bottom surface having a second plane, in which body is contained at least one testing well, each of which well is separated into a first side and a second side, by means for vertically separating the well, such that both of said sides of each well are fully open and accessible from the top surface of the body and closed on said bottom surface, wherein said body of the device comprises the material polytetrafluoroethylene.

39. An equilibrium dialysis apparatus comprising:

a body, comprising a top surface having a first plane and a bottom surface having a second plane, in which body is contained at least one testing well, each of which well is separated into a first side and a second side, by means for vertically separating the well, such that both of said sides of each well are fully open and accessible from the top surface of the body and closed on said bottom surface, wherein said body comprises ninety-six wells arranged in an 8x12 array.